



# OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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# MARCH

2021



## The Eagle

The eagle has the longest life span of all birds. It can live up to **70 years**, but to reach this age the eagle must make a hard decision.

**In its 40's**, its long and flexible talons can no longer grab prey for food. Its long and sharp beak becomes bent. Its old-aged and heavy wings, due to their thick feathers, become stuck to its chest and make it difficult to fly.

Then, the eagle is left with only two options: **die** or go through a painful process of change that lasts **150 days**.

To begin this process, the eagle flies to a mountaintop to sit on its nest. There the eagle knocks its beak against a rock until it plucks it out. After plucking, the eagle will wait for a new beak to grow back, then it will pluck out its talons. When its new talons grow back, the eagle starts plucking out its old-aged feathers.

And after **five months**, the eagle takes its famous flight of rebirth and lives for...**30 more years**.

**Why is change needed?** Many times, in order to survive we have to be willing to accept change. We sometimes need to get rid of old memories, habits, etc. Only when we are freed from burdens can we take advantage of the present.

There is no wonder the bald eagle has such a significant symbolism.



WINGS UP!!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> FOR ADMISSION TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

## **CONTINUOUS THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS OF APRIL, MAY AND JUNE:**

⇒ **INTERVIEWS** for Admission to the Teacher Education Program (Check **Interview Request form** for specific dates and times)

## **February 28: Self-Assessment Disposition was due!**

⇒ **April 5 – 8: Transfer and submit your edTPA portfolio to Pearson**

⇒ **April 30: Last day unless you have days to makeup**

⇒ **May 3: Due**

> Supplemental Assignment due

> Site Evaluation due

> Exit Survey due

> Submit Tk20 field experience binder

> Hard copy attendance record and hard copy supplemental attendance record due to Connie DeRosette

⇒ **May 3 – 7: Make up Week (for any absences exceeding the 5 excused days)**

⇒ **May 6: Graduation Rehearsal**

⇒ **May 7: Graduation**





## Clarksville/Montgomery

**CMCSS TEACHER JOB FAIR  
VIRTUAL EVENT**

Register at [www.cmcoss.net/employment](http://www.cmcoss.net/employment)  
Job posting: CMCSS TEACHER JOB FAIR  
REGISTRATION

**Tuesday, April 13, 2021  
12-2 pm**

**Info Sessions  
Live Q & A  
Principal hosted Zoom Sessions  
Elementary, Middle, and High Positions  
available**

**NOTE: The Office of Teacher Education permits candidates to attend two (2) job/career fairs. The two (2) fairs will not count toward the three (3) Residency II excused absences. However, attending more than two (2) fairs will count as an excused absence.**



Literacy  
Association of  
Tennessee

# Virtual Conference

April 17, 2021



Keynote Speaker

## Gravity Goldberg

Gravity authors books including *What Do I Teach Readers Tomorrow?*, *Fiction & Nonfiction*, and *Mindsets & Moves: Strategies That Help Readers Take Charge*.

Her workshops have allowed many teachers to make shifts in their practice creating positive impacts for their students.

The Literacy Association of Tennessee will host a ½ day conference on **Saturday, April 17, 2021, 9 a.m.–Noon.**

The conference will feature invited speakers to present sessions focused on the latest developments and insights on the most important topics and issues facing Tennessee's literacy community. **Student Registration is only \$20!**

Use Code: SpringStudent

**Registration Link:**

<https://lat.wildapricot.org/Events1>

# SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES



**Camp Discovery** is a summer camp for children and adults with a wide variety of disabilities. All adults and children aged 7 and up are welcome.

## Positions and their descriptions :

\***Counselors** are expected to give care and assistance to 2-4 campers each week \***Lifeguard** will need to be certified for shallow water

\***Outdoor Recreation Teacher** will need to plan outdoor activities for individuals of all abilities, such as softball, fishing, water games, soccer, and relay games.

\***Music Teacher** will need to plan activities involving music and movement for individuals of all abilities. \*

**Art Teacher** will need to plan and carry out 5-8 art projects for campers \***Kitchen Staff** will need to help prepare our meals.

\***Nurses** need to hold an RN or LPN license and will tend to all medical needs of the campers and staff, including basic first aid and dispensing of medications daily. \*

All staff, except Kitchen, will be expected to stay on camp grounds- arriving Sundays and leaving Fridays.

All teachers will be expected to turn in a week of lesson plans and oversee counselor's performance and provide feedback to counselors and directors.

~ **Victoria Carter, Director**

### Camp Discovery

400 Camp Discovery Lane

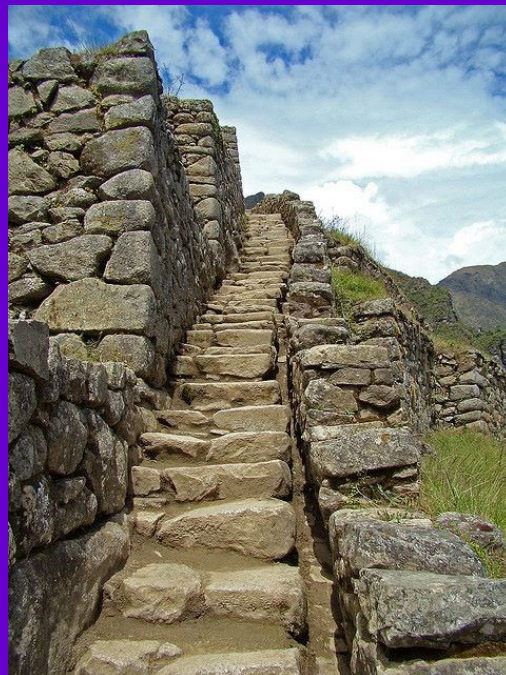
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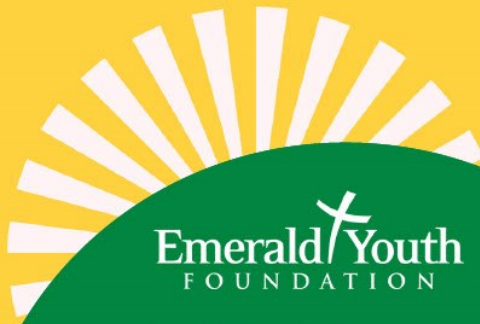
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**There is no elevator to success.**

**You have to take the stairs.**



an urban youth development ministry  
in Knoxville, TN.



**AmeriCorps**

## GET PAID TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS SUMMER!

- Start May 17, 2021—End July 23, 2021
- Earn a living allowance of \$2,500
- Receive an education award of \$1,311.11
- Serve 35-40 hours/week in a Summer Day Camp
  - *Some positions are academically focused and ideal for teacher hopefuls*

**PART-TIME POSITIONS ALSO AVAILABLE DURING THE 21/22 SCHOOL YEAR.**  
VISIT WEBSITE BELOW TO APPLY.

**Learn more. Apply.**  
[emeraldyouth.org](http://emeraldyouth.org)

Regarding AmeriCorps members, it is Emerald Youth Foundation's policy to provide service opportunities to all people without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin.  
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 **Tennessee  
TECH**

# UPCOMING FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASSES

Candidates entering Residency I and Student Teaching are required to show proof of valid First Aid/CPR/AED certification before entering their clinical placement. Candidates should email, fax, or hand deliver proof of certifications to the Office of Teacher Education. For a complete list of benchmarks, please visit: <https://www.tntech.edu/education/teachered/field-and-clinical-practice/>

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**DELIVER TO:** TJ Farr, Room 103

## The training and certification through the American Heart Association includes:

- ⇒ AED- Automatic External Defibrillator
- ⇒ BLS- Basic Life Support (CPR) for the Healthcare Provider
- ⇒ Heart Saver- CPR for the Non-Healthcare Professional
- ⇒ First Aid



## >>> FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASSES: TRAINING WITH AMY MAHAN

Ms. Mahan currently has training sessions planned for:

*March 23, 27 & 31*

*April*

All classes are scheduled from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. The doors open at 9 AM. For training information and scheduling, please contact Amy Mahan at 931-261-5092 or [ANMahan16@gmail.com](mailto:ANMahan16@gmail.com).



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**IMPORTANT!** The Office of Teacher Education (OTE) completely understands the concern regarding COVID-19! Our office does not work for Ms. Amy Mahan, we are simply sharing information.

OTE does not want or expect candidates to risk their health in order to meet the CPR/AED/First Aid benchmark.

Our office will work with you on deadlines for benchmark requirements.

**\*\*\*CERTIFICATION VALID FOR TWO YEARS AND MUST NOT EXPIRE WHILE COMPLETING RESIDENCY OR STUDENT TEACHING\*\*\***



## OTE TEST PREP

OTE coordinates the “OTE Test Prep” course available via iLearn. This course provides a variety of resources and study materials for those preparing to take the ACT, Praxis CORE, Praxis II, NES, GRE, and MAT tests. You may access this course via your student iLearn homepage. If you have any questions or are unable to view the course, please contact Elora Davis at [eldavis@tntech.edu](mailto:eldavis@tntech.edu) or (931) 372-3860.

For information regarding test information and requirements, you can view the OTE website [here](#).

## INTERACTIVE PRACTICE TESTS

Interactive practice tests are free! Please follow up with Elora Davis at [eldavis@tntech.edu](mailto:eldavis@tntech.edu) or (931) 372-3860 to schedule a test. The following interactive practice tests are offered during the month of March:

- 5002, 5003, 5004, 5005
- 5205
- 5095
- 5114
- 5543
- 5941
- 5701
- 5038

*OTE is happy to share a new test prep resource with our candidates! The Mometrix E-Library offers study material and resources for every Praxis title and NES math titles 105 & 304. The Mometrix E-Library offers flash cards, study guides, exam advice, and practice tests. This new resource is accessible through the OTE Test Prep course in iLearn.*

## ETS PRAXIS UPDATES

1. On December 10, ETS integrated the *Praxis* tests and ProctorU® registrations systems. Now candidates only need to visit their ETS account to complete their registration — greatly simplifying the registration process. Test takers will now register, schedule and pay for their tests in their *Praxis* or SLS account. In addition, all rescheduling, cancelations and modifications will also be managed through their ETS account.
2. ETS is reducing the time between retests from 35 to 28 days effective December 10 for *Praxis* and SLS tests and December 13 for the ParaPro Assessment.

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## **Tennessee Department of Education Launches to Support Teacher Recruitment and Hiring**

Since May 2020, Tennessee Department of Education has launched three initiatives to support districts and schools in filling critical vacancies, as the COVID-19 pandemic has limited many traditional recruitment methods.

The [TN Substitute Teacher Jobs Connection](#) supports districts in their recruitment efforts by providing a central location for interested applicants to discover substitute teaching opportunities in the state's schools and districts. **Over 600** substitute teachers have submitted their information so far!

The [TN Education Job Board](#) highlights openings for available district positions and provides contact information all in one location. The Board also includes a list of feature jobs that have been identified as critical vacancies. The department has already collected and posted **over 300** featured education jobs from districts across the state. District information will also continue to be updated on a regular basis as submissions are received.

The [TN Teacher Jobs Connection](#) serves as a central location for interested applicants to connect with teaching opportunities in the state's 147 districts. Any educator interested in a new teaching role in Tennessee is welcome to submit their information to the department through the [form](#). Since May 2020, we have received over **1,600** submissions from teachers across the country!

Read more about these recruitment initiatives [here](#).

